Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1841.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday evening, 7th of September, 1841.

PRESENT:

M.E. JOHN B. HAMMATT,	Grand High Priest.
E. ELIJAH ATHERTON,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" ENOCH HOBART,	Grand King.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD,	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Treasurer.
" CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
Rev. BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE,	Grand Marshal.
" NOAH D. HASKELL,	Grand Steward.

Permanent Members.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS, CALEB BUTLER,
EDWARD A. RAYMOND, BENJ. HUNTOON.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Boston; St. Paul's, Boston; St. John's, Groton; and Mount Zion, Stougton.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, prayer at 7 1-2 o'clock, and the record of the last meeting read.

The following report was presented, read, and accepted, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of King Cyrus Chapter, respectfully report: That, whereas, at the annual Communication of this Grand Chapter, on the 8th day of September, A. L. 5840, a vote was passed declaring the Charter of King Cyrus Chapter at Newburyport, void and forfeited; and whereas, said Charter had been previously returned and surrendered, agreeably to the requisitions of this Grand Chapter, but accidently not received before said annual meeting; therefore, *Voted*, That said vote declaring said Charter forfeited, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that said Charter of King Cyrus Chapter, be received by this Grand Chapter, and held subject to be returned on petition, to any competent number of members of the late King Cyrus Chapter, on such terms and conditions as this Grand Chapter may in its wisdom think proper to impose.

Which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. HAMMATT,
ELIJAH ATHERTON,
ENOCH HOBART,
JOHN R. BRADFORD,
Committee.

Boston, April 12th, 5841.

The following report was read and accepted, viz:

The Committee of the Grand Chapter, to whom was referred the communications of the Recorder of the Convention of High Priests, have attentively considered the subject, and respectfully report, that, in their opinion, it would be very useful for this Grand Chapter to have a roll of all those companions who have been admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priests, that may be referred to whenever occasion shall require; with this view, your Committee have prepared the subjoined list of all such companions, together with the name of the Chapter over which they have been chosen to preside, and date of admission, so far as they have been able to gather from the best sources of information within their

reach. And recommend that this roll be copied by the Grand Secretary into some book belonging to the Grand Chapter, and that the names of all companions who may hereafter be admitted to the Order, be added thereto by the Grand Secretary, as they shall from time to time be reported to this Grand Chapter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. BRADFORD,
THOMAS TOLMAN,
WILLIAM EATON,
ROBERT KEITH,
Committee.

Boston, June 17, 1841.

A lecture on the Mark degree was then given.

The Committee of Finance made their annual report, which was read and accepted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee of Finance having examined the Secretary and Treasurer's accounts, ask leave to report: That they find the Secretary's books neatly and accurately kept, and regret that the funds of the Grand Chapter will not admit of making him an adequate remuneration for his services, but as an earnest of what they would do if they had the means, they recommend that the sum of eight dollars be allowed him.

The Grand Treasurer's account current accompanies and makes part of this report, which your Committee find correctly cast and properly vouched. The Grand Treasurer, as usual, declines receiving any compensation.

Your Committee regret to say that the funds of the Grand Chapter are entirely exhausted, and that already a debt is beginning to be accumulated. The whole amount received into the Treasury the present year, including the balance of $29.90 on hand the last year, amounts to the sum of $86.90; and there has been paid sundry bills to the amount of $100.58, leaving a balance due the Treasurer of $13.68, besides the rent and some other bills

which must be paid, amounting to $45.83, and also an appropriation of $25, to defray the expenses of the officers attending the General Grand Chapter, to be held in New York next week; and the usual appropriation of $10 to the Board of Relief, amounting in the aggregate to $94.51. To meet these claims the Grand Chapter will probably receive from the Subordinate Institutions about $30. Under these circumstances, your Committee feel compelled to recommend a reconsideration of the vote appropriating $25 for the grand officers, and also to decline voting any sum to the Board of Relief, and further, that the Council apply to the proper authorities for a reduction of rent.

It is with extreme reluctance that your Committee recommend the foregoing, but, as they could devise no other mode of relief, they felt it their duty, and unanimously offer it for your consideration.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SIMON W. ROBINSON, ROBERT KEITH, } *Committee of Finance.*

Grand Chapter, Boston, Sept. 8th, 1841.

Voted, That the Council for the ensuing year, be a Committee to take the financial condition of this Grand Chapter into consideration, with full power to act in the premises as they may deem expedient.

Voted, That the vote appropriating $25 to defray the expenses of the Grand High Priest, to attend the triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter at New York, be reconsidered.

The Grand Chapter was then returned, when it was found there was 20 voters present.

The Grand Chapter then went into Committee of the whole. Comp. Gibbens was called to the chair, and Comps. Lash, Butler, and Atherton, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes.

The first balloting for Grand High Priest resulted as follows, viz: Whole number of votes 19. M.E. John B. Hammatt had 10 votes. In consequence of some supposed illegality of the last vote, a companion having voted in error, it was *Voted* to proceed anew to elect a Grand High Priest.

A return of the Grand Chapter was again made, when it appeared that the whole number of voters present was 21. The ballot was then taken for Grand High Priest, and resulted as follows, viz: Whole number of votes 19, of which M.E. ELIJAH ATHERTON had 10, and was elected Grand High Priest for the year ensuing.

Whole number of votes for Deputy Grand High Priest 20. Comp. John R. Bradford received 12, but declined.

At the 2d balloting for Deputy Grand High Priest, whole number of votes 19. Comp. Enoch Hobart received 14, but declined.

At the 3d balloting, whole number of votes 14. Comp. Robert Keith received 10, but declined.

At the 4th balloting, the whole number of votes was 20. Comp. Robert Lash received 19, but also declined.

At the 5th balloting, the whole number of votes 18. Comp. THOMAS TOLMAN had 17, and was duly elected Deputy Grand High Priest for the year ensuing.

The ballot was then taken for Grand King. Whole number of votes 18, of which Comp. Enoch Hobart had 12, but declined.

At the 2d balloting, the whole number of votes was 18. Comp. JOHN R. BRADFORD received the whole number, and was unanimously elected Grand King for the year ensuing.

Comp. ROBERT KEITH was duly elected Grand Scribe, having received 10 out of 18 votes cast.

The first ballot for Grand Treasurer resulted in no choice. At the 2d balloting, whole number of votes 17. Comp. ABRAHAM A. DAME received 11 votes, and was duly elected Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Comp. THOMAS WATERMAN was duly elected Grand Secretary.

The Committee of the whole then rose, and reported the above elections to the Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to the Chairman of the Committee of the whole, and to the Committee for counting and declaring the votes, for the acceptable manner in which they have discharged the duties of their appointment.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed into their respective offices.

The usual proclamation was then made that the Grand Chapter was duly organized.

On motion of Comp. Robinson, it was *Voted* unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M.E. Comp. John B. Hammatt, and E. Comp. Enoch Hobart, for the very able and faithful manner in which they have performed the duties of their respective offices the past year.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

C. W. MOORE, *Sec'y, pro tem.*

A true copy from the minutes.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 8th of March, A. D. 1842.

PRESENT:

M.E. ELIJAH ATHERTON, . .	Grand High Priest.
E. THOMAS TOLMAN, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" ENOCH HOBART, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
" HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
" ANSEL CAPEN, . .	Grand Steward.
" ELIAS HASKELL, } " SIMON W. ROBINSON, }	Committee of Finance.
" SAMUEL WALES, . .	Committee of Charity.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS, EDW'D A. RAYMOND,
JOHN B. HAMMATT, AUGUSTUS PEABODY,
JOHN J. LORING.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Saint Paul's, and Mount Zion.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting were read.

The following appointments were announced from the chair, and read by the Grand Marshal, viz:

Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
" NOAH D. HASKELL, } " ANSEL CAPEN, } .	Grand Stewards.

Rev. SEBASTIAN STREETER, " E. M. P. WELLS, " BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Grand Chaplains.
Comp. ELIAS HASKELL, " RUEL BAKER, " SIMON W. ROBINSON,	Committee of Finance.
" CHARLES W. MOORE, " JOHN HEWS, " SAMUEL WALES, " CALEB BUTLER,	Committee of Charity.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON, " CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand Lecturers.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

The M.E. Grand High Priest reported that an arrangement had been made whereby the rent had been reduced to $20 per annum.

Voted, That notice be given to all the Subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, which have neglected to pay their dues for the space of two years, that unless they pay the same by the time of the next meeting of this Grand Chapter, their Charter, funds and regalia shall then be demanded and taken from them according to the provisions of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, and they shall be stricken from the list of Subordinate Chapters.

Voted, That the above notice be subscribed by the members of the present Council.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees.

The M.E. Grand High Priest stated for the information of the Grand Chapter, that since our last meeting, the M.E. General Grand Chapter of the United States, had been in session in the city of New York, at which this Grand Chapter was represented.

At 9 1-2 o'clock, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

ST. ANDREW'S, Boston,	Charter dated	A. L. 5769
ST. JOHN'S, Groton,	do.	5803
ADONIRAM, Taunton,	do.	5816
MORNING STAR, Springfield,	do.	5817
ST. PAUL'S, Boston,	do.	5818
MOUNT ZION, Stoughton,	do.	5820
MOUNT LEBANON, Medway,	do.	5824
BROOKFIELD, Brookfield,	do.	5825
NORTHAMPTON, Northampton,	do.	5825
SUTTON, Sutton,	do.	5826

The Stated Communications are held in Boston, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in September and March. The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests hold their meetings in Boston, on the same days.

Communications to the Grand Chapter may be directed to THOMAS WATERMAN, Grand Secretary, Boston.